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1. A recombinant or isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding at least a biologically functional part of a mammalian protein (not being the MDM2 protein) capable of binding to a p53 protein and comprising at least a part of the sequence

5 1 GTGGCTCTTG CGAACTCTGG GTTTGAGAGG CCGGAACCTGG TGCTGCCGTT
 51 GCTCGCAGTT TCAAAATGCA GTGCAGGCCT TAGGGTCTCC GGCTGCCACC
 10 101 CCTCCCCCAG CTAGGAGGGG GAGCGACTCA TGGAGCGGCC GTAAGTTTGC
 151 TAACTGTGGA GTCTTCACTG CCAAAATGAC ATCACATTCC ACCTCGGCC
 15 201 AGTGTTCAGC ATCTGACAGT GCTTGCAGAA TTTCTTCGGA ACAAAATTAGT
 251 CAGGTGGGGC CAAAACGTCA GCTTTGAAG ATTTGCATG CAGCAGGTGC
 301 GCAGGGGGAA GTATTCAAC TGAAAGAGGT AATGCACTAT CTAGGCCAGT
 351 ATATAATGGT GAAGCAGCTC TATGATCAAC AGGAGCAACA TATGGTATAC
 401 TGTGGTGGAG ATCTTTGGG AGATCTACTT GGATGTCAGA GCTTTCTGT
 451 GAAAGATCCA AGCCCTCTCT ATGACATGCT AAGAAAGAAT CTTGTTACAT
 501 CAGCTTCTAA TAACACAGAT GCTGCTCAGA CTCTCGCTCT CGCACAGGAT
 551 CACACTATGG ATTTCACCA TCAAGACCGA CTGAAGCACG GTGCAACAGA
 601 ATACTCCAAT CCCAGAAAAA GAACTGAAGA AGAGGATACT CACACACTGC
 651 CTACCTCACG ACATAAATGCC AGAGACTCCA GAGCAGATGA AGACTTGATA
 20 701 GAACATTAT CTCAAGATGA GACATCTAGG CTTGACCTTG ATTTGAGGA
 751 GTGGGACGTT GCTGGCCTGC CTTGGTGGTT TCTAGGAAAT TTGAGAAACA
 801 ACTGTATTCC TAAAAGTAAT GGCTCAACTG ATTTACAGAC AAATCAGGAT
 851 ATAGGTACTG CCATTGTTTC AGACACTACG GATGATTGT GGTTTTAAA
 901 TGAGACCGTG TCAGAGCAAT TAGGTGTTGG AATAAAAGTT GAAGCTGCTA
 25 951 ATTCTGAGCA AACAAAGTCAA GTAGGGAAAA CAAGTAACAA GAAGACGGTG
 1001 GAGGTGGGAA AGGATGATGA TCTTGAGGAC TCCAGGTCCCT TGAGCGATGA
 1051 TACTGACGTG GAACTTACCT CTGAGGATGA GTGGCAGTGT ACGGAATGCA
 1101 AGAAGTTAA TTCTCCAAGC AAGAGGTACT GTTTCGTTG CTGGGCCTTG
 1151 AGAAAGGATT GGTATTCGGA TTGTTCTAAA TTAACTCATC CCCTATCTAC
 30 1201 ATCTAATATT ACTGCCATAC CTGAAAAGAA GGACAATGAA GGAATTGATG
 1251 TTCCCGATTG TAGGAGAACCT ATTTCAGCTC CTGTTGTTAG GCCTAAAGAT
 1301 GGATATTAA AGGAGGAAAA GCCCAGGTTT GACCCTTGCA ACTCAGTGGG
 1351 ATTTTTGGAT TTGGCTCATA GTTCTGAAAG CCAGGAGATC ATCTCAAGCG
 1401 CGAGAGAACAA AACAGATATT TTTCTGAGC AGAAAGCTGA AACAGAAAGT
 35 1451 ATGGAAGATT TCCAGAATGT CTTGAAGCCG TGTAGCTTAT GTGAAAAAAG
 1501 GCCTCGGGAT GGGAACATTA TTCATGGGAA GACCGAGCCAT CTGACGACAT
 1551 GTTCCACTG TGCCAGGAGA CTGAAGAAGT CTGGGGCTTC GTGTCCTGT
 1601 TGTAAAGAAAG AGATTCAGTT GGTATTAAA GTTTTATAG CATAGTTGAG
 1651 TCAGTCACAG AGAAATACTA GGAGGACCAG GTCAATTATC AAAAAAAA
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or a functional equivalent thereof.

2. A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is a cDNA.

3. A nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 or 2, encoding at least a functional part of the human equivalent of the sequence of claim 1.
4. A recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claims 1-3 together with suitable elements for regulation of replication and/or expression.
5. A recombinant host cell comprising a vector or a nucleic acid molecule according to anyone of the foregoing claims.
6. An isolated or recombinant proteinaceous substance comprising at least a biologically functional part of an amino acid sequence resulting from the translation of a nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1-3, the expression of a vector according to claim 4 and/or the culture of a cell according to claim 5.
- 15 7. A method for the identification of proteins having a binding affinity for p53 comprising the steps of labelling a proteinaceous substance comprising at least the binding site of a p53 protein and hybridizing said substance with the protein to be tested.
- 20 8. A method for the identification of nucleic acid molecules encoding proteins having a binding affinity for a p53 protein comprising the steps of expressing said nucleic acid in a suitable expression system, labelling a proteinaceous substance comprising at least the binding site of a p53 protein and hybridizing said substance with the protein to be tested.
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